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Applicants: Kaushik GHOSH et al.

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Title: GENERATING PATH CENTRIC TRAFFIC INFORMATION FOR

ANALYSIS USING AN ASSOCIATION OF PACKET CENTRIC

INFORMATION TO PATH CENTRIC INFORMATION

Examiner: Bharat Barot

Group Art Unit: 2155

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THIRD FORMAL STATUS INQUIRY

Further to the Formal Status Inquiry filed on May 20, 2008 and the Second Formal Status Inquiry filed on January 6, 2009, as well as the voice messages left by the undersigned with Examiner Barot on November 30, 2007 and March 13, 2008, and further to a discussion about the status of this application between the undersigned and Examiner Barot on January 9, 2008, the applicants request the status of this application. According to the private PAIRS system, no action was taken subsequent to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision on July 12, 2007.

In its decision dated July 12, 2007, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the anticipation rejection of claims 1-3, 15, 25 and 32-34, reversed the anticipation rejection of claims 16, 17, 19, 20 and 31, and reversed the obviousness rejection of claims 4 and 5.

As the undersigned discussed with Examiner Barot on January 9, 2008, the applicants believe the Examiner should proceed in accordance with MPEP 1214.06 (I)(B).

The applicants respectfully request that the Examiner either:

- (1) convert dependent claims (4, 6, 16-20, 26, 30 and 31) into independent form by Examiner's Amendment, cancel all claims in which the rejection was affirmed, and issue the application; or
- (2) set a 1-month time limit in which appellant may rewrite the dependent claim(s) in independent form.

This is appropriate because the Board affirmed a rejection against independent claim 1 and reversed all rejections against a claim dependent thereon (namely, claims 4, 5, 16, 17, 19 and 20), because the Board affirmed a rejection against independent claim 25 and reversed all rejections against a claim dependent thereon (namely, claim 31) and because the period for further appeal expired. (See, MPEP 1214.06 (I)(B).)

CONCLUSION

The applicants hereby request a formal status update, and respectfully request a further communication from the Examiner in accordance with MPEP 1214.06 (I)(B).

Respectfully submitted,

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